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TEN-YEAR SENTENCE FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
"Operation Predator" leads to more than
30,000 images of child pornography on a laptop computer

Providence, R.I. -- A federal judge today sentenced Jonathan Nakielny, 30, of Cranston, to 10 years in prison for possessing child pornography. In June 2005, federal immigration and customs agents found more than 30,000 sexually explicit images of children on Nakielny's computer.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente and Matthew Etre, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), jointly announced the sentence, which U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith imposed in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In November, Nakielny pled guilty to possessing more than ten images of child pornography that had been transmitted by computer. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Adi Goldstein said that the government could prove that, on June 14, ICE agents seized Nakielny's laptop computer and subsequently found on it more than 30,000 sexually explicit images of children. Through the use of the National Child Victim Identification System, investigators determined that at least four of the images depicted known child victims.

ICE agents were led to Nakielny through Operation Predator, an ICE initiative that targets child pornographers and other predatory criminals. In 2003, ICE agents started an investigation of a Web site known as the Online Sharing Community. Agents determined that Nakielny, using the name Kazimierz Wojtnowski, had uploaded images of child pornography to that site and had inquired about obtaining additional images.

This was Nakielny's second conviction on federal child pornography charges. In December 2000, he was sentenced to five years probation with six months home confinement for possessing child pornography.

ICE records show that, nationwide, Operation Predator has resulted in more than 6,500 arrests.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Goldstein prosecuted the case for the government.

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